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For: LATCH SYSTEM AND MODIFIED BLADE DESIGN
FOR THICK STOPPER-CLOSED CONTAINER
SAMPLING PIERCING STATION

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.
Also enclosed are the following documents:

- Petition for Extension of Time
- Corrected Drawings
- Patent Abstracts of Japan (Publication No. 11-285589)
- Definition of the word "Trigger"
- Return Postcard.

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